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State Parks Names New Superintendent For Trinidad Sector on the North Coast

EUREKA -- Elizabeth M. "Liz" Burko, a veteran State Parks ranger who is currently supervising ranger at California's historic Big Basin Redwoods State Park, has been appointed superintendent of seven local state parks along the North Coast, District Superintendent John Kolb announced today.

The North Coast Redwoods District includes 22 state parks in Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Superintendent Burko will direct the day-to-day operations and community outreach efforts for the Trinidad Sector, which includes Fort Humboldt State Historic Park, Little River State Beach, Azalea State Reserve, Trinidad State Beach, Patrick's Point State Park and Humboldt Lagoons State Park.

Burko, who as a ranger is a trained peace officer, has held several assignments during her 15 year career with State Parks. In addition to her park work, she has served as President of the Boulder Creek Business Association, legislative intern for the Colorado Public Interest Research Group, Audubon Society Bird Count leader, Snowy Plover project worker, and Fisheries Biologist for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association in the Bearing Sea. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Conservation from University of Colorado.

Ms. Burko will begin her new duties December 2.

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